

Question Two – Most Candidates Eagerly Seek Role as Mayor, Two Do Not

We posed three questions to the eight candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 8. The responses were limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to the second question as submitted:

Question 2. If you received the greatest number of votes for election to council would you accept election by council to the office of mayor and, if so, what would you perceive your role to be in that office?

Bill Orleans
For this candidate, this question seems a bit odd; it is, he thinks, generally believed that he will not receive the number of votes to even make a contest of seventh place in this field.

However, the News Review asks: were he to receive the greatest number of votes, he believes that the elected Council might find it worthwhile to challenge the tradition of mayoral selection, and this candidate would agree. Notwithstanding having received the greatest number of votes, he would nominate another for mayor, (he has one in mind), one who this candidate believes has the temperament to quietly preside at council and one with a commitment to open the process of council to a greater,

more inclusive participation of Greenbelt residents.

Further, however, should this candidate succeed somehow in squeaking through to seventh place, he would still nominate someone other than the presumed winner of the greatest number of votes and also in the first regular meeting after the election introduce an ordinance to change the Charter and Code to effect the separate election of Mayor and Council (among other electoral changes in Charter and Code.)

Leta Mach
Yes. Essentially, the mayor while the first among equals, has just one of seven votes. The mayor has no special powers. But does have special responsibilities to represent the city. I feel I could do that.

The mayor presides at council meetings. This means being

sensitive and respectful by providing an opportunity for those who wish to speak and running an orderly, productive meeting. I have a good deal of experience running meetings at various levels as current Clean Air Partners chair, 2010 chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Air Quality Committee, Advisory Committee on Education chair for eight years, and past president of Parent Cooperative Preschools International, Greenbelt Center Elementary School PTA and Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA.

The City Charter also spells out these functions for the mayor, “recognized as the head of government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts

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Council Celebrates Co-op Month with Proclamation

by Kathleen Gallagher

The regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, September 26, opened with a proclamation recognizing October as Co-op Month. Copies of the proclamation were prepared for Greenbelt’s seven currently existing cooperatives: the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the Greenbelt News Review, the Greenbelt Nursery School, the New Deal Café and Rapidan Camps.

Celia Craze, director of planning and community development, then introduced two new staff members in her department: Jaime Fearer, community planner, and Keelah Allen-Smith, code inspector. A recent graduate of the University of Maryland in community planning, Fearer had completed internships with Envision Prince George’s and the state department of housing and community

development. Allen-Smith, the second new staff member, comes to Greenbelt from code enforcement in College Park; he is also a former member of the Riverdale Park Town Council.

Following the introductions, Councilmember Emmett Jordan announced that he, Councilmember Silke Pope and City Clerk Cindy Murray had graduated the previous month as fellows of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. Councilmember Konrad Herling has almost completed the program, and Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach had both graduated some time ago.

The academy, a voluntary training program for Maryland county and municipal officials, is administered by the University of Maryland’s Institute for Governmental Service and Research in

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Orleans and Roberts Join City Council Election Race

Rodney Roberts and Bill Orleans, two native Greenbelters, are running for seats on the city council. Roberts is an incumbent, Orleans is a challenger. Both have sent us their biographies. This newspaper has already published biographies provided by Edward Putens, Silke Pope, Konrad Herling, Judith Davis and Leta Mach.

Bill Orleans is a jerk, and indeed a candidate for Greenbelt Council. He has never been more of a jerk than when he agreed to a silly and totally unnecessary compromise to be determined sufficiently compliant to be certified as a candidate. Shame on him! Ask him about it.

Orleans was effectively born in Greenbelt, in October 1947; conceived and gestated here, delivered in Riverdale, and returned here shortly thereafter. He grew

up white in Greenbelt in the ’50s, a privilege which went unexamined until years later. (Also male and straight, if bent in the corners, privileges unexamined until even more years later.)

Nevertheless, he began his lifelong pursuit of life’s lessons right here in town. At about 8 or so, while walking the sidewalk in front of the apartments on Crescent across from the elementary

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First Council Candidate Forum Is Sponsored by Greenbelt East

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) sponsored the first Candidates Forum for the upcoming Greenbelt City Council election in the Community Room at Greenbriar on October 6. GEAC, an association of neighborhoods located in Greenbelt East, includes Greenbriar, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Hunting Ridge, Greenbelt Lake Village, Greenbrook Estates and Greenspring I and II.

All seven incumbent councilmembers were present along with challenger William Orleans.

The forum was moderated by Tom Crandall of the Greenbelt Lake subdivision and included brief introductions by each of the eight candidates and a series of four topical questions giving each candidate an opportunity to respond, strictly limited to two minutes each question.

Speed Cameras
Do you support the use of speed cameras? Where should they be located and what are the expected revenues?

Herling answered first and indicated his support for speed cameras in Greenbelt school zones (streets within one-half mile of a school). He supported the use of any revenue for public

safety expenditures and felt that cameras would reduce speeds in school zones by changing driver behaviors. However, he had questions about the selection of vendors to operate the systems.

Mach also supported speed cameras, which she felt did not invade privacy. She noted the city revenue estimate for the first year of operation as about \$200,000 which would likely decline as drivers modify their behavior. She felt some drivers were traveling well over the speed limit in school areas. She also believes the cameras would be less expensive than having a patrol officer in those areas and would consider mobile cameras.

Orleans said he was not an advocate of the cameras and was more in favor of raising taxes for speed enforcement (officers). He felt arrests were more effective than mail citations.

Putens favors the use of cameras. He believes people know where they are deployed and will slow down. He also noted that state law requires that any revenues from use of cameras be dedicated to public safety purposes.

Roberts supports speed cameras as long as their purpose is

public safety, not revenue. He has supported speed humps and red light cameras.

Pope also supports the cameras. She shared with the audience that on a recent visit to her native Germany, she was caught by a camera and a citation followed her to Greenbelt. She believes the cameras play a role in reducing the severity of accidents.

Jordan also favors the use of cameras, feeling they are about safety, not revenue. He also supports the use of mobile cameras that could be used in different locations within the school zones.

Davis also favored both the mobile and stationary use of cameras. She noted they are set to take a picture of the vehicle if it exceeds the posted limit by 12 miles an hour. She believes the red-light cameras used within Greenbelt have been very effective.

The Economy
The economy is still staggering. The city budget will be tight. Where would you make the first cut?

Jordan, the first to respond, acknowledged that the budget was a serious issue. He believes council

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 22,
9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road
Monday, October 24
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov
Tuesday, October 25
7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center
7:30 p.m., Candidate Forum sponsored by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 26
7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession, Quarterly Transit Meeting, Community Center
Friday, October 28 – Costume Contest and Parade. Registration 4 to 4:30 sharp, Grassy Area in front of CURVES

Letters to the Editor

Empty Bowls Thank You

Help-By-Phone would like to thank the 200 Greenbelters and friends who attended the October 15 Empty Bowls fundraiser at Greenbelt Community Church. Sponsored by the church and the Community Center potters, the event raised \$4,100 for Help-By-Phone's eight food pantries in the county.

The soups and chilis prepared by church members and the beautiful bowls made by the potters were as awesome as always.

We hope the potters and the church members will hold the event again.

Marsha Voigt, President
On behalf of the
Board of Directors
Help-By-Phone

Squirrels Missed Point On Occupy Wall Street

I am a great fan of the Greenbelt News Review. Since I returned to live in Greenbelt in 2000 I've been reading, for the first time in my life, this local weekly newspaper from cover to cover: it makes me happy and proud to live in this wonderful city.

The News Review used to have poignant cartoons by an excellent cartoonist who continued creating them for many years. In the last decade, a new cartoon appeared called "Grin Belt." I usually skip it since it seems to be addressed to children. However, this week's cartoon is clearly political and is a parody of the Occupy Wall Street movement that has inspired followers in 1,500 cities worldwide.

In the parody "Occupy Walnut Street" squirrels carry silly, selfish and infantile signs, just the opposite of what is happening in the real Occupy Wall Street. The quote at the bottom emphasizes the put down by saying "Go home kid."

It should be noted that all the national polls show that the majority of Americans, including Republicans, support the occupations and their goals to have a more fair society for the people in the bottom 99 percent of the income distribution.

I don't mind having a squirrel cartoon every week, since I can just skip it, but I don't want to have Fox News in the Greenbelt News Review cartoon.

Eugenia Kalnay

THANKS!

Many thanks to Greenbelt Co-op Manager Bob Davis and staff for collection bin space for food for the Pantry of Greenbelt.

We wish to acknowledge Cathy Proctor and the Greenbelt Recreation Department for their generous cash donation.

A great donation of foodstuffs was received from Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Curves of Greenbelt and from the GHI membership picnic on October 9.

Not to forget the generous people who shop at co-op, adding food to the bin and those who donate at St. Hugh's church and rectory.

Together you have made a difference in feeding the hungry – you are the difference.

Solange Hess
Pantry of Greenbelt

Kill A Watt

Catchy name. No, it's not a cartoon character (yet). It is an Electricity Usage Monitor. You can borrow one free from the Public Works Department on Crescent Road (near the Attick Lake Park). Just bring along \$20 as a refundable deposit when you come to pick one up to try at home. It was fun to see how much (occasionally, how little) electricity my possessions need.

Those of you with electrical engineering backgrounds can find out what Volt Amps (VA) and Power Factor (PF) your items use. For the rest of us, Watts (the electrical power an appliance uses) is "watt" we pay for on our monthly electrical bill. (Yes, it's a bit of a lame joke.) And Watts take (still mostly) fossil fuel to generate.

Interestingly, my particular sound system does not use any additional electric power at high volume than at low.

Christopher K. Scherer

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GHI Notes

Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Leaf Bags Distribution – Garage 42, 2 Court Gardenway

10 a.m. – Woodlands (Walk in the Woods) – Northway Fields

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m. – Communicator Task Force Meeting – Lobby

Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, October 27, 10 a.m. – Health Fair – Community Center

Friday, October 28, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. – Yardline Committee Meeting – Library

Thursday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Leaf Bags Distribution – Garage 42, 2 Court Gardenway

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

African Storyteller Shares History, Music

"Take Five," the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's free series of events fusing performance and discussion, will feature Cheick Hamala Diabate, a West African historian in the griot tradition, in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25.

Cheick Hamala is also a world-recognized master of the ngoni, a Malian traditional instrument and an ancestor to the banjo.

A steward of the 800-year-old tradition of the griot storytellers of West Africa, Cheick Hamala shares the oral history, music and song of his culture, passed on to him from birth by parents.

Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis, beginning 30 minutes before the event.

For directions or more information, visit claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.

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*5, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

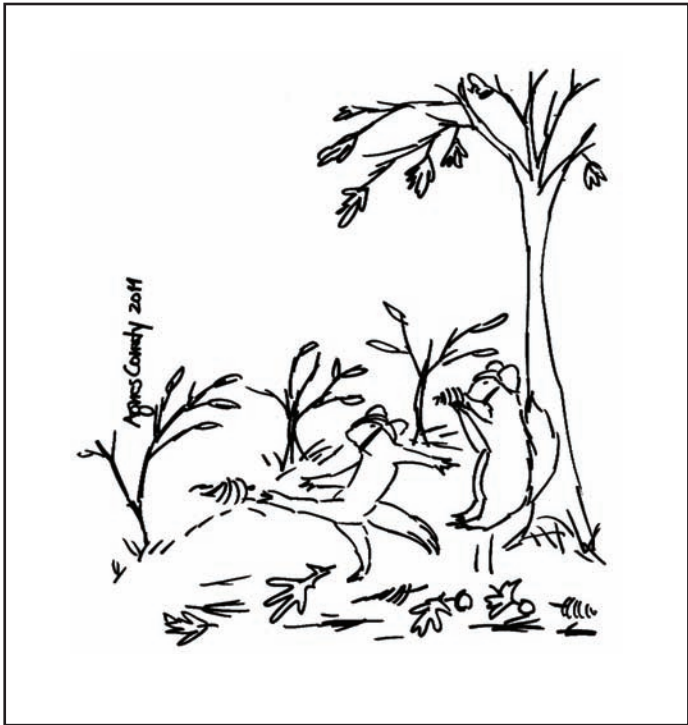
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

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Grin Belt



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Free Prostate Screens At Doctors Hospital

On Tuesday, October 25 Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham will offer free prostate screening from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in the Professional Office Bldg., Suite 205, 8116 Good Luck Road.

One in six men will get prostate cancer during his lifetime. While there are usually no early symptoms, chances increase in men after age 50. For more information or to register for the screening call 301-552-8602.

Greenbelt Schools Concert Is Oct. 27

A Greenbelt area schools "Spooktacular" cluster concert will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 27. A mass band, orchestra and chorus of approximately 200 students from Robert Goddard, Greenbelt, Magnolia and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be included in the performance.

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$40/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Be a Part of Gretchen's Memory Book

Do you have thoughts, a story, anecdote or photograph that you would like to share with retiring GHI General Manager Gretchen Overdurff?

Send them to blewis@greenbelthomes.net, drop them off at the GHI reception desk or mail them to: Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Attn. Brenda Lewis.
They may be included in a special memory book presentation.

Important: In order to be included your memories and mementos are needed by October 28.



Obituaries

In Memoriam

Sidney Bronstein

Sidney I. Bronstein died on October 3, 2011, two days away from his 100th birthday.

He was born in Newark, N.J. and spent the majority of his life in New York City before moving to Greenbelt, where he lived peacefully for the final 21 years of his life.

When asked what his job was, he responded simply “my job is to take care of my family.”

He is survived by his wife of almost 72 years, his sister, daughter and grandson and was preceded in death by his parents and two older brothers.

I could tell you countless stories about his selfless acts, such as making sure his family is doing well, even as he was being rushed to the emergency room. I could tell you that he took care of his family with great care since he was 14 years old and that he did the same for his country while serving in World War II. I could even mention that when his wife was sick two years ago, he refused to end his day until he walked over to her and kissed her goodnight.

However, in saying all that, I would be leaving something out. I could write for the rest of my life and still not be able to convey all of the positive attributes of his character. He was my hero – no, wait, scratch that. He IS my hero – and the only thing I can say to summarize his life is that he was a great man, in every possible facet of his life. He is gone but he will never be forgotten.

– Andrew Bronstein, Grandson

Dovie Plaster

Former Greenbelter Dovie Jane Hollander Plaster, 88, of Bowie, also of Hickory, N.C., died October 7, 2011 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis with her loving family at her bedside.

She was born December 10, 1922, in Avery County, N.C., to the late James Henry and Jane Webb Hollander. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, James Carroll Plaster and nine brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Plaster was a graduate of Crossnore School, Crossnore, N.C., class of 1941; she attended Crossnore business school, receiving her diploma in 1943.

She earned a Chicago School of Nursing LPN degree from Hickory Memorial Hospital, Hickory, N.C., in 1952 and received a Maryland State Nursing degree. She worked at Crossnore School, Crossnore, N.C., Business Department, Hickory Memorial Hospital, Hickory, N.C., and Greenbelt Convalescent Center from 1965 to 1972 and did private duty nursing. She retired in 1985 from District Photo, Beltsville as a photo processor. She worked for the Prince George’s County Department of Aging from 1987 to 1992, then continued with private duty nursing.

Mrs. Plaster was a film extra in “The Forces of Nature” 1999, “Random Hearts” 1999, “The Contender” 2000 and “The Passing,” released in 1985 as an independent movie which starred her husband.

She was a member of Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Mrs. Plaster loved country music; her favorite performer was Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys. She also enjoyed reading

biographical and children’s literature, solving puzzles and drawing. She had a passion for wildlife and nature and was an avid bird lover. She was a sports fan of football, basketball and NASCAR racing. She loved family travel from Canada to Florida.

Surviving are two daughters, Martha Jane Plaster Guptill and husband Bill of Bowie and Alice Marie Plaster of Bowie and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services, held on October 15 at Hickory Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Ernest Richards officiating, were followed by interment at Concord Methodist Church Cemetery in Long Island, N.C.


In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Feathered Friends Forever Rescue/Refuge, 612 Byrd Dr., Harlem, GA 30814, 706-556-2424, www.featheredfriendsforever.org or to Crossnore School, Crossnore, NC, 828-733-4305, www.crossnorschool.org.

Condolences may be made online at www.hickoryfh.com.




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SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, October 30
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former resident Dovie Plaster on October 7, 2011.

Congratulations to:


– Greenbelt Middle School art teacher Angela Robinson, who has been named the 2011 Outstanding Art Teacher of the Year for middle schools in Prince George’s County.

– Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who served as a Senior Leader at the National Conference on Ethics in America at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Over 180 student delegates from more

than 60 academic institutions around the country attended the conference which discussed moral and ethical challenges of leadership. Turner served on three panels with other national leaders from varying fields of enterprise.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.


– Kathleen McFarland




O Son of Man!
If thou lovest Me, turn away from thyself;
and if thou seekest My pleasure, regard
not thine own; that thou mayest die in Me and I may
eternally live in thee. (Baha’u’llah)
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 24, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- American Legion Post #136 - Veterans Day Program
- America Recycles Day Proclamation
- Local Government Insurance Trust Presentation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

-Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2011-2 (Bradford Pear Trees at Buddy Attick Park and on Crescent Road across from the Roosevelt Center)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Development Block Grant Application – Program Year 38 (FY 2013)
- Other Reports
- *-Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on

Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone registered to vote with Prince George’s County at an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at 301-474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send e-mail to the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd
City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.
Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded Polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.
For further information, contact the
Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

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City of Greenbelt, Maryland November 8, 2011 SAMPLE BALLOT

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL (VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN SEVEN)

EDWARD V. J. PUTENS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETA M. MACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUDITH F. DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
SILKE I. POPE	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAM A. ORLEANS	<input type="checkbox"/>
KONRAD E. HERLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
RODNEY M. ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMMETT V. JORDAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN (7 SPACES PROVIDED)	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE

Friday, October 28th at 4:30pm sharp

Registration in grassy area in front of Curves from 4-4:30pm. A tradition in Greenbelt! All ages are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween finest. Prizes for best costumes for Ages 18 months - 6th Grade. Also, Best Family and Best Pet! Trick or Treat around Roosevelt Center.
Entertainment:



The Mayhem Magical Circus!

RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST “WIN WITH YOUR BIN”



You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next couple of weeks (Oct 24 to Nov 5). Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!

Check out our website to see what goes in your bin: http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/yes_no_flyer.pdf

Part of the **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

For city information, news and events, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Advisory Committee on Education, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

Meetings October 24-28

Monday, October 24th at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**, 8:00 pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) at the Community Center.

Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM**, sponsored by Greenbelt Homes Inc. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, October 26th at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Wednesday, October 26th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 200. On the Agenda: Greenbelt Middle School – Breezewood Drive Improvements, Review last meeting’s discussion of Roundabout at Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive, and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

Wednesday, October 26th at Thursday, October 27th at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – Quarterly Transit Meeting at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

Hosted by:
The City of Greenbelt
Doctors Community Hospital
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CareFirst BCBS
Massage

McCarl Dental
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Dental

Visiting Angels
Health Care
Derma Scan

Rebecca Bitzer
& Associates
Nutrition

Doctors Community Hospital
Carotid Artery Screening
Cholesterol Screening
Blood Pressure
and More...

Providence Care
Glucose Screening

Community Hospice
Washington Hospice
Hospice & Grief Support

Adventist Health Care
Flu Shots - \$25
Pneumonia Shots - \$35
(Free with Medicare B Card)

Hearing HealthCare
Services
Hearing
Screening

Southwest Podiatry
Foot Care Information

Bowie State University
Bill

Signature
Breast Care
Breast Health

AARP

Potomac Home Support
Flu Shots - \$25
(Free with Medicare B Card)

Patuxent
Widowed
Persons
Services

GAIL Program
Health Risk
Assessment

Strategies for
Independent Living
Aging in Place
Information

THE CITY OF
GREENBELT

12th Annual Health and Wellness Fair
Thursday, October, 27th 2011
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

For more information, Please Call:
City of Greenbelt
301-345-7203

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road • Greenbelt, MD
Gymnasium & Rooms 103/114

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI)
301-474-4161

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS Week of October 24-28

Monday October 24th at 8pm: Regular Council Meeting (live)
Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30pm: Greenbelt City Council Candidates Forum sponsored by GHI (live)
Wednesday-Saturday, October 26-29:
10:00am & 5pm: Greenbelt Labor Day Parade
11:30am & 6:30pm: Medicare Workshop 3-Medicare Part D
12:30pm & 7:30pm: Replay of Candidates Forum
2:30pm & 9:30pm: Replay of Council Meeting

Question One’s Missing Answers Now Published

In last week’s paper we printed the answers to the first question to candidates in “Candidates Offer Changes For Greenbelt Station.” Responses, due by 9 p.m. on Monday, were delayed due to email/internet problems for two candidates, whose responses are below.

Question 1. In view of the changed economy should revisions be considered to the uses proposed for the Greenbelt Station development at the Greenbelt Metro Station? If so, what changes might you be amenable to?

Silke Pope

Any future development that occurs in Greenbelt West must be up to the highest standard possible. Our residents and taxpayers have the right to expect the best quality, value-enhancing, and environmentally friendly development we can achieve. I hope we do not have to compromise in any way, but in these difficult economic times, it is unrealistic to think that no compromises will occur or that we won’t have to adjust on some level.

At this moment, it is unclear what changes might be proposed. This makes it difficult to predict what types of compromises might need to be made. All of Greenbelt needs to continue to insist on maintaining the high standards and values on which this community has been built. We must voice our concerns and make clear to the developers what our goals are for this property. Community input and transparency during the process is a must.

Smart growth and development is vital to our tax base and provides us with greater opportunities and resources for all of our residents. This includes bringing new jobs to our community, something that is desperately needed.

I don’t think that there will be an easy answer to this issue. Everything depends on what type of development is ultimately

proposed. At this point, it is too early to say how the original plans may be altered.

The property in question is located in a prime location and should be sought after by many. I strongly believe that the development plans will begin to move forward in the near future and I will continue to insist that we strive to maintain our City’s high standards and expectations.

Rodney Roberts

I am definitely open to proposals for alternative uses of our Metro station, especially in the South core. I would not be in favor of proposals that would water down, or cheapen any proposal or approved plans, or weaken the City’s development agreement and covenants. I question the wisdom of the current plan to build hundreds of townhouses and apartments in the South core. Instead, I would like to see uses that would provide long-term, well-paying jobs such as high tech research and manufacturing. I believe we need very high standards that would ensure adequate public facilities for police, recreation, schools, open space, storm water runoff, transportation, etc. We need to put the city’s long-term interests first by demanding the highest quality in planning, design, construction, public facilities, and services.

Forgiveness Book Signing Last Week at St. Hugh’s

by Kathleen McFarland

Last Saturday at St. Hugh of Grenoble, Rev. R. Scott Hurd discussed his new book, “Forgiveness: A Catholic Approach” at the church’s Day of Reflection, hosted jointly by the parish Sodality of Our Lady and Knights of Columbus (KofC).

In introducing Father Hurd, John Winfrey of the KofC first listed Hurd’s degrees (from Oxford, England, and Richmond University in Virginia) before becoming an Episcopal priest and mentioned his conversion to Catholicism in 1996. He was ordained a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Washington in 2000 and was assigned to St. Hugh’s, where he has assisted ever since as pastoral associate.

Father Hurd has always held other positions in the Archdiocese in addition to his duties at St. Hugh’s; and in listing some of them, including his current position as director of the Permanent Diaconate and the new temporary assignment as interim chaplain of St. Luke’s in Bladensburg, Winfrey marveled at how Hurd had


ever found time to write a book. Father Hurd admitted that St. Hugh’s parishioners had served as sort of “guinea pigs” and first readers, since many of his Sunday sermons were based on the theme of forgiveness.

To start his presentation, Father Hurd passed out a “Forgiveness Quiz” of agree/disagree statements which he used as the outline for his talk. The statements, such as “There are certain things that cannot be forgiven,” were difficult and thought-provoking. Father invited questions or comments from the audience and, indeed, there were quite a few, leading to interesting discussions.

After lunch featuring homemade soup prepared by the Knights and another short discussion session, Hurd signed books for a long line of eager buyers. His book will also be on sale at St. Hugh’s Christmas Bazaar on November 5 and can be ordered online at www.pauline.org. Amazon has a Kindle version and Barnes & Noble has it on Nook.



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Re-Elect
Silke Pope
for
City Council
November 8, 2011

✓ Addressing public safety and quality of life concerns
✓ Protecting our environmental resources
✓ Advocating for smart growth and development
✓ Preserving community programs and services
✓ Advocating for transparency in government

Dedicated to Greenbelt’s Community and Future

By the Authority of Mary Hatcher, Treasurer

KONRAD HERLING

A Record of Bringing the Community Together

Proposed that the City develop a welcome wagon, 1979

A welcome wagon brochure has been adopted by Council and distributed to a number of residents, 2009

Founded the Greenbelt Arts Center, 1979

Organized the Roosevelt Center Charrette of 1985

Chaired the Community Relations Advisory Board, 1987

Helped write the Community Pledge, 2001

Wrote the grant for a transportation community charrette, 2007

Initiated an International Cultural Festival, 2006

Proposed, in 1989, that the City have a planning department

The City established the department the next year

Strong Advocate of the 2008 Visioning Process for all Greenbelters

Assistant Coached a coach pitch league team, 2004

Co-produced numerous Greenbelt Access Television programs, 1989 - 2011

Wrote numerous articles for the Greenbelt News Review, 1979 - 2003

My motivation has always been to unite our city for I am

Committed to ONE GREENBELT

RE-ELECT KONRAD HERLING to the City Council

By Authority of Trina Coore, Treasurer

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At the Library

Children's Programs
Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m., for ages 13 to 18. Celebrate Teen Read Week by entering the "Picture It @ Your Library" photo contest. Teens are asked to bring photos of themselves and their friends discovering things they like at the library.

Wednesday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m., Bonjour! will be presented for children ages 3 to 5 to celebrate Children's Euro Festival 2011. Participants will enjoy stories from France and make a special craft. There is a limit of 150 people.

Storytimes – on Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, October 26, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years.

Thursday, October 27, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Adult Programs
Saturday, October 22 at 11 a.m., Composting will be presented as part of the library's Fall Gardening program.

Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., C.R. Gibbs lectures on "Bound for Freedom's Light: The Story of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War" as part of the African American Legacy Lecture series. Gibbs lectures, writes and consults on subjects relating to the African Diaspora.

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collaboration with the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Local Government Insurance Trust.

Courthouse Expansion
Council voted to send a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) in response to its recently released and final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed expansion of the U.S. District Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane. The expansion would provide office space for an additional 159 employees and allow for consolidation of offices now leasing space elsewhere. Work is scheduled to begin during fiscal year 2014 and continue for four years.

GSA concluded the plans accorded with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and made a "Finding of No Significant Impact." As a result, no environmental impact statement is required.

Council concurred with the city staff's recommendation to take no position on the finding. They added several suggestions, however, to those presented by staff concerning wetlands, transportation and the loss of office leases in Greenbelt as the offices of the U.S. Probation and U.S. Trustees are moved to federal property.

GMS Art Teacher Is Award Recipient

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelt Middle School art teacher Angela Robinson has been named the 2011 Outstanding Art Teacher of the Year for Middle Schools in Prince George's County.

A National Board Certified candidate, Robinson has been teaching at Greenbelt Middle School for four years and already has an impressive list of achievements. Her students placed fourth in the Prince George's County Snow Plow Mural Competition in 2008; they placed first in the City of Greenbelt "Go Green" T-shirt competition in 2009; they received an honorable mention in the Middle School category of the Maryland Youth Art Month 2010 and had a 4th place ribbon winner in 2011; and their "Picasso-like Self Portrait" was selected for the BWI Winter Exhibition for December 2010-June 2011.

Last year Robinson won a grant from Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education to bring an "Artist Inspired Gallery Show" to the Greenbelt Community Center. Those who passed through the hallways of the Community



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Greenbelt Middle School students Daniel Torres, Rodrigo Molina, Alondra Gomez and Assiatu Bantama, with art teacher Angela Robinson (center), show off their artwork at the February 2011 Community Center Art Show.

Center last February might remember the colorful display of very talented students' artwork on the walls.

Robinson has fully immersed herself in the daily life of Greenbelt Middle School, sponsoring the yearbook, the Student Government Association and an

art club at the school. She also coached the school's cheerleaders in 2008-2009 and they won first place at the Flower Powers Competition that year.

Robinson will be recognized at the Maryland Art Education Fall Conference on Friday, October 21.



Experienced

Over 25 years of experience managing projects and volunteer boards for non-profit organizations and associations.

Involved

Active as a volunteer and leader inside & outside of Greenbelt with groups including the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, Greenbelt Community Foundation, and the Human Services Coalition of Prince George's County.

Open-minded

Will consider new ideas and approaches to the challenges and opportunities that face Greenbelt.

Re-elect

Emmett V. Jordan
Greenbelt City Council

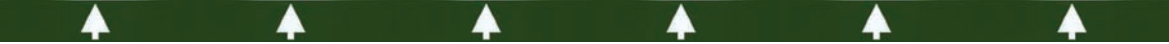


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P.O. Box 471, Greenbelt, MD 20768 - <http://www.jordanforgreenbelt.org>

By Authority of Sylvia J. Lewis,



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- ✓ Knowledgeable

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Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt
... and Expanding the Possibilities

What is the Spirit of Greenbelt? It is creative people, good management, and involved citizens. It is a city ready to address challenges and make them opportunities. A city born during the Great Depression that believes the glass is at least half-full.

Questions/Comments? Call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail leta.council@verizon.net
Visit my web site, <http://www.themachs.net>

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

Work Together ✦ Respect the Past ✦ Build the Future

Sunday, October 23
The Brass Mosaic Concert, 4 p.m.

This brass quintet has played at Carnegie Hall with conductors Jonathan Willcocks and John Rutter and has served on the faculty of the Tanglewood Music Festival in Boston. The group is under the direction of principal trumpeter, David Workman, founder. They will be joined in several pieces by organist Dale Krider.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
4512 College Avenue, College Park, MD
301-864-8880 www.music@saeccp.org

Annual U.M.W.
APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW!

October 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Apple Pies, Beautiful Crafts, Attic Treasures, Apples & Apple Butter. Chocolate Covered Pecans. Nearly New Books, Jewelry, Housewares & more!

All proceeds benefit women & children through approved UMW mission projects.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705
301-937-7114

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
AND AUCTION

Greenbelt Community Church
November 5, 2011

Handmade items, foods, seasonal decorations, gifts.

Raffle Baskets

Exotic SERRV items from U.S. and abroad

Fabulous Bake Sale

LUNCH

LIVE AUCTION BIDDING STARTS AT 1:30 P.M.

Hillside and Crescent Roads

In Greenbelt, MD

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for serving civil process, and by the governor for purpose of military law.” The mayor signs documents and letters. In that role, I would diligently read and proofread to ensure that the papers conform to council direction.

The mayor needs to be available to represent and present the city’s position before other levels of government, at state and national events and other special functions. While this is not a difficult job, it does require time. Being retired, I do have time to carry out such duties.

The highest vote-getter is not automatically elected mayor. When I interviewed Sherrod East for the 50th anniversary oral history videos, he said he was the highest vote-getter in our first election, but the other council members felt he was too young and elected someone else. I feel I have the experience and knowledge to be an effective mayor. I hope my fellow council members agree.

Silke Pope

Yes, I would accept election to the Office of Mayor. I would consider it a great honor to be re-elected to council and especially to receive the highest number of votes from the residents of Greenbelt. I would, also, consider it a great honor to have my colleagues place their trust in me, giving me their endorsement for Mayor. I would work hard to make sure I lived up to the high expectations of the residents who voted for me and to those of my Council colleagues.

As to my role while Mayor, I would envision my position to be one of serving as both an ambassador and advocate for our City. These duties encompass many roles including acting as a representative with multiple local, state and national groups such as the Maryland Municipal League, and the National League of Cities. But my main focus would remain on local city politics, as that is where my ultimate responsibility lies.

My hopes for the future would be to lead Greenbelt towards a brighter and better future by encouraging new business development, supporting existing businesses, supporting crime prevention initiatives including the support of our police department, promoting good relations and cooperation between neighboring municipalities, and protecting and preserving our environmental resources. I would push to make Greenbelt “greener” by promoting the use of energy saving measures such as solar energy, alternative fuel vehicles and recycling programs. And, I would be a strong advocate for children, the elderly, and all citizens of Greenbelt.

As Mayor, I would bring a broad-minded perspective to the table and instill a new “esprit de corps” in our City Council and all Municipal employees. I would emphasize how important it is to have one united community.

I am dedicated to Greenbelt’s Community and Future.

Konrad Herling

I am running to serve on a good and hard working council, whose most important priority is to serve our citizens well. I would accept the election results to serve in any capacity as a council member, including Mayor. The City Charter states that

the Mayor “is to preside at the meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes” Aside from those purposes, our council members, of which the Mayor is one, are, by statute, on equal footing.

Beyond the prescribed role, I see the Mayor as someone who works to develop a sense of collaboration, in concert with all colleagues, to help Council move in a positive direction to address citizens’ concerns, to assure that our city is being managed well and effectively. As one who presides at meetings, the Mayor sets a tone of mutual respect for council colleagues and fellow citizens, a respect that endures differences; that when we disagree, we do so without being disagreeable.

I have a specific idea to increase opportunities for Council to work collaboratively – a different approach in determining the regular council meeting agendas. It is for Council to hold open work sessions in advance of the next scheduled regular meeting to discuss and establish what the agenda should be. As several council members work full time, it would provide an opportunity for every member to contribute towards determining what legislation, resolutions, and other items would be up for discussion and action.

Each council member would have a greater sense of ownership in helping to build the agenda; fellow citizens would share a sense of ownership by contributing suggestions, ideas or concerns, at the open session.

Ed Putens

In all my years in office, becoming the mayor has never been my goal. I have always been grateful to the voters for the opportunity to serve on the Council. I have never made any special political effort to finish first and thereby earn election by the Council as the Mayor.

As for the “role” of the mayor, the City Charter clearly establishes a limited role. Greenbelt has from the beginning been a council-manager system. The management of the City is entrusted to a professional City Manager chosen by and reporting to the full council, and all City departments and employees work under the Manager. After each election, the Council elects one of its members, traditionally the one who received the most votes, as the Mayor. The Charter says that the Mayor “shall preside at the meetings of the council” and be “the head of the City government for all ceremonial purposes” and has some mostly procedural duties imposed by state law and local ordinances. The Mayor is not a supervisor in any way. This system has always served us well.

The Mayor does have room for political leadership, and mayoral leadership has been important in recent Greenbelt history. In addition, the Mayor often represents the City at various regional and other meetings, though other Council members also attend such meetings.

Therefore, my answers to the question are (1) that I do not seek the position but would feel obligated to the voters to accept election as mayor if I finish first; and (2) that my role would be limited in accordance with the Charter.

Rodney Roberts

I would be honored to serve as mayor. I believe I would do an excellent job because of my experience and knowledge of our City, my business experience, and my ability to manage people and other resources. I would run meetings in an impartial manner, because I believe this is crucial to the functioning of the Council and the City.

According to the charter, the role of the mayor is to chair Council meetings, sign official documents, and to act as the ceremonial representative of the Council and the City. Each Council Member represents all the citizens of Greenbelt, and should have the opportunity to speak freely and express their views. Council meetings are also an opportunity for the public to address the Council, so it is vital that citizens can speak their minds. Every citizen deserves the chance to be heard regardless of their point of view or status in life.

I would like to move towards more open council meetings, where council members and citizens are free to speak their minds without being marginalized, disparaged, or silenced. It is important for the mayor to be accessible to citizens, and to realize that all council members, including the mayor, serve at the pleasure of voters.

Judith Davis

Yes, I definitely would. Having served for seven terms as Mayor, I have full knowledge of the time, duties, leadership skills, and responsibilities required to be the kind of mayor our citizens now expect and deserve.

Despite what some may believe, the role of Mayor in Greenbelt has expanded to meet the needs of a more complex society. To receive its fair share of

benefits and attention, Greenbelt must play an active part in the larger region. Doing so often falls upon the Mayor. Networking with other elected officials gleans valuable ideas and contacts.

The Mayor’s foremost role is performing constituent service. The Mayor should attend as many city and civic events as possible, as this enables the Mayor to hear citizen concerns. The Mayor communicates those concerns to the rest of Council and staff and then monitors the resulting actions. Though often all council members are invited to events, the Mayor is the one that is expected to be there.

The Mayor is the “face” of, as well as the spokesperson for, the City at all occasions and venues. The Mayor represents the entire City, which sometimes means withholding personal feelings on issues, and works for the good of all its citizens.

The Mayor must be knowledgeable on the latest issues and best practices, which entails attending conferences, workshops, and courses. The Mayor must do his/her “homework”.

When running meetings, the Mayor keeps discussion focused, bringing in all divergent opinions, then working to create consensus in order to accomplish what our citizens elected Council to do. One person, even the Mayor, cannot set policy or pass ordinances without at least four votes. The role of the Mayor is to remain above the fray and find ways to reach agreement, often through compromise. The Mayor’s role is to lead.

Emmett Jordan

It is important to remember that the selection as mayor is not guaranteed to the candidate with the largest number of votes.

The responsibility of electing the mayor resides solely with city council. They traditionally have chosen the highest vote recipient.

Almost all powers related to governance rest with city council, according to the City Charter. The mayor is given the additional tasks of presiding over meetings and serving as the ceremonial head of government. The mayor has almost no additional authority.

Good leadership is crucial for the success of the council and City. A good mayor must “lead” meetings and work sessions in a way that brings out the best ideals of council and citizens, in order to meet the challenges and opportunities that face us. The mayor must be a good listener who can identify alternatives, build consensus, and move council toward taking action, when appropriate.

As mayor, I would use a fair and impartial approach to balance competing views. I would rely heavily on my listening and facilitation skills to accomplish this. As a thoughtful public speaker, I can represent the City well at ceremonial events inside and outside of Greenbelt. I think that our relationship with the County needs careful attention, so I would seek to expand partnerships with our neighbors and County Council to ensure that we receive our fair share of available resources.

It is an incredible honor to serve as a city council member. If elected as mayor by the council, I would consider accepting the position for several reasons. I believe that I have the ability to lead the council, if called upon. More importantly, I believe this selection would be based on the wisdom of the entire council and their choice would represent the best interests of the City.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or
ABSENTEE VOTING NO MORE EXCUSES!

EARLY VOTING: This is the second municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse,
6915 Hanover Parkway
Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 23rd, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center,
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 30th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building,
25 Crescent Road
Mondays – Fridays
October 24th – November 4th,
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk’s office, 2)

request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City’s Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or

- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 7, 2011. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 8, 2011. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 19.

Return your executed absentee ballot in time to arrive by 6:00 p.m. on November 8th by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk’s office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or email cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Supermarket Pharmacy

Farm Fresh Produce					
Fresh Crunchy Apples Gala/Red Delicious/ Ginger Gold/McIntosh	99¢ lb.	Red Ripe Cluster Tomatoes on-the-vine	99¢ lb.	Fresh Leafy Romaine Lettuce	99¢ lb.
Louisiana Fresh Yams	99¢ lb.	Fresh Medium Yellow Cooking Onions 2 lb. bag	99¢	Florida Red Grapefruit each	\$ 1⁰⁰
California Value Pack Carrots 2 lb. bag	\$ 1⁵⁰	Florida Navel Oranges 4 lb. bag	\$ 2⁹⁹	New Crop All Purpose White Potatoes 5 lb. bag	\$ 2⁹⁹

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts \$ 1⁶⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Value Pack 80% Extra Lean Ground Beef \$ 2⁴⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops or Roast \$ 2⁴⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast \$ 3⁷⁹_{lb.}
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Steaks \$ 3⁹⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Whole Frying Chicken 99¢_{lb.}	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Ribeye Delmonico Steaks \$ 7⁹⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Value Pack Country Style Pork Spare Ribs \$ 2⁹⁹_{lb.}

Dairy		Deli		Frozen					
La Yogurt Assorted Yogurt 5-6 oz.	40¢	Kraft Natural Chunk Cheese Assorted 8 oz.	\$2 ⁵⁰	Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast	\$5 ⁴⁹ _{lb.}	Green Giant Boxed Vegetables Assorted 7–10 oz.	\$1 ⁰⁰	Banquet Pot Pies Assorted 7 oz.	88¢
Shurfine Vegetable Soft Spread 45 oz.	\$2 ⁵⁰	Egg Beater Egg Substitute Assorted 16 oz.	\$2 ⁹⁹	Kunzler Cooked Salami	\$3 ⁴⁹ _{lb.}	Tyson Breaded Chicken Assorted 10-14 oz.	\$2 ⁵⁰	Tombstone 12-inch Pizza Assorted 20-23 oz.	\$4 ⁵⁰
Health & Beauty		Seafood		New Yorker Hot Pepper Cheese		Natural & Gourmet		Bakery	
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Trespass

October 6, 12:40 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

October 10, 5:02 a.m., 11 Crescent Road, two resident men were arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property. They were apprehended by police for spray-painting graffiti in the tunnels and released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

October 8, 7:46 a.m., 8100 block Mandan Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

October 9, 12:12 a.m., 7800 block Somerset Court, an attempted burglary was reported.

October 9, 6:55 a.m., Lakeview Circle, a generator and leaf blower were reported taken.

October 10, 1:33 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, two resident men were arrested and charged with burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia after breaking into a vacant apartment. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 12, 12:34 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, electronics were reported taken.

October 12, 1:49 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with burglary and trespassing on private property after breaking into a vacant apartment. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 12, 3:09 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with burglary and trespassing on private property after breaking into a vacant apartment. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

A black 2010 Chevrolet Impala with Md. tags was stolen from Beltway Plaza's parking lot. In-car televisions were taken from a vehicle in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at Greenway Center (scratched vehicle) and 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents -- punctured tires and hole drilled in gas tank).

Development Teams Look to Improvements

by Jonathan Taylor

On Wednesday, October 8 the Greenbelt City Council studied development options to reverse the decline in the city's shopping centers and neighborhoods.

The Prince George's County Economic Development Team, the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chamber and the City of Bowie Economic Development Department were invited to the meeting to share visions, contacts and tips for improving the city's development efforts.

Observers say those efforts are more important now than at any time in recent history.

"All three shopping centers have vacant storefronts with vacancy rates approaching 30 percent in some parts. Quality [replacement] retail is difficult to attract," said Mayor Judith Davis.

In the residential areas of Greenbelt, "there are abandoned condominiums which are becoming rentals but some of the new renters," she said, "are not helping the neighborhood." And in an ominous warning, Davis said Greenbelt is facing the real possibility that "all we have worked for over 75 years isn't going to be there anymore."

Wednesday's meeting – a worksession – offered tools instead of fixes.

Aubrey Thagard, representing the Prince George's County development team, described County Executive Rushern Baker's approach to development, emphasizing his signature \$50 million Economic Development

Incentive Fund. Once approved, the fund will provide the county with opportunities to leverage key state and federal resources to attract quality development.

Development Possibilities

Thagard also mentioned the county's interest in promoting transit-oriented development. In the past, "concrete opportunities like potential consolidation of the Department of Health and Human Services at Largo, Prince George's Plaza or New Carrollton made other stations the priority," he said. But the county is "moving forward on an opportunity at Greenbelt Station [involving a federal client] which could be announced within the next 30 to 60 days."

Walter Townshend, representing the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chamber, described resources his organization provides its member businesses, such as referrals and leads, networking opportunities, educational business seminars, money saving discounts and government procurement fairs.

John Henry King, representing the City of Bowie development department, offered experiences he has had as a full-time city development officer – a position Greenbelt does not have. "It's not an immediate need," King said of the position, displaying admirable honesty in warning of its long-term cost and lack of visible benefits.

Wednesday's meeting ended with input from some of the seven residents who had attended. An interesting interchange occurred when a resident praised Roosevelt's Center's vibrancy

"on the young end and on the old end" but lamented its lack of teens. This comment drew a sharp response from Davis. "Go to Greenbriar and Greenbelt East. Teens are there," she said, suggesting their number and the locations where they could be found were both considered optimal.



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College Park Day Is Next Saturday

All are invited to the second College Park Day, a citywide festival, on Saturday, October 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. It will be held rain or shine at the College Park Community Center at 5051-5101 Pierce Avenue.

Attractions include food and drink from local restaurants, food vendors from different ethnic communities, an array of arts and entertainment for the whole family with activities and games for the kids, plus historical exhibits and speakers.

A fully volunteer effort, the day will highlight the diverse people, businesses and community groups in College Park. In the spirit of service, attendees are encouraged to donate nonperishable food items to the College Park Community Food Bank.

Parking

People are encouraged to park at the University of Maryland and walk or take shuttles to the event. Parking restrictions in the Lakeland area will be lifted during festival hours.

For more information visit the College Park Day website at www.collegeparkday.org or contact planning committee member Joseph Smith at 301-910-2433 or smitty5358@gmail.com.

Wind Band Concert Spans Five Centuries

The University of Maryland Wind Ensemble will present a free concert that bridges multiple centuries and musical styles on Thursday, October 27 at 8 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Contemporary works will include Eric Whitacre's "October" and Adam Gorb's "Adrenaline City," inspired by both the stress and vibrancy of 21st-century city life. In contrast, the band will travel back to the Renaissance brass choir music of Giovanni Gabrielli and the Romantic wind music of Anton Dvorak's "Serenade for Winds" punctuated with a lighter Percy Grainger piece, "Molly on the Shore," and the brilliant showpiece overture "Colas Breugnon" by Dmitri Kabalevsky.

No reservations or tickets are required. Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis, beginning 30 minutes before the event. For directions or more information, visit claricesmith-center.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.



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CHEARS Fall Festival Returns Here Sunday

by Richard McMullin

Some people may remember the story of the ill-fated first attempt to celebrate the 2011 Harvest time in Greenbelt. It started out something like “It was a dark and stormy evening and all were gathered by the fire to stay warm.” Yes, this year October 1 was much more like November 21, taking artists, musicians and the festival committee by surprise. As hope faded and the evening news told of storms to come, we knew what had to be done. This is why the 2011 Greenbelt Fall Harvest Festival was postponed until October 23 -- this weekend!

With few exceptions, the crafters, artists, musicians and green people who had prepared to be part of the earlier event shook off the early northern chill and prepared to celebrate the Harvest on the fourth Sunday.

Each year starting in September, running into November, people around the world, especially in farming communities, take time to celebrate the bounty of the soil and the blessings of nature. Traditionally people decorated their homes and gathering places with the hearty fall crops, like gourds and pumpkins, with garlands of leaves and vines and woven dolls made from grain grasses and corn stalks.

At this year’s rescheduled Harvest Festival, kids can enjoy making a fairy house from pinecones and sticks and other natural items or they can make a “stained glass” style window hanging from autumn leaves they themselves collect. They can also have their faces painted and hair decorated to become a rabbit or cat or just about any creature they would like to be.

Moms, dads and all other grown-ups will find the usual Sunday Farmers Marketplace expanded into the Roosevelt Center courtyard. Not only will there be farm fresh fruits and vegetables and other locally grown edibles to select from, but delightful handmade gifts will also be displayed by more than a dozen crafters and artisans – from clothing to jewelry, from soap to stone castings and more.

And for those who might like to try something new, the Greenbelt Glass Guild will be demonstrating glass mosaics. They will welcome and guide new hands who wish to try this craft.

For those who just want to relax and enjoy a pleasant fall day, there will be seating near the festival stage where traditional American folk and roots music will be performed. Let the kids dance and maybe dance a little yourself.

Gardening Knowledge

Knowledge will also be made available by the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS.org), on square-foot

gardening, permaculture, edible local plants and solar cooking. Anyone who has longed to have a garden and grow some of their own food will find the workshop on building a raised garden and square-foot crop management helpful for overcoming that “small yard” blind spot.

For those just wanting to get back to tending the earth, the Three Sisters Community Garden Project will offer opportunities for all to spend time in the three public gardens.

The Fall Harvest Festival team suggests people leave the TV off, skip the mall and just walk down to the center of town on Sunday to join friends, neighbors and the rest of the Greenbelt community in celebration and good CHEARS.

Richard McMullin is the Music Coordinator for CHEARS.

Deni Foster Celebrates With Musical Friends

by Jeri Holloway

Former Greenbelt music teacher Deni Foster is beginning the celebration of her 80th year by inviting musical friends to perform in recital in honor of this occasion. The recital will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 4 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. The inspiration for this performance stems from remembrances of Albert Herling’s piano recitals that honored his milestone birthdays. As an Outstanding Citizen in Greenbelt, Herling gave benefit recitals for the Greenbelt Arts Center and other civic projects.

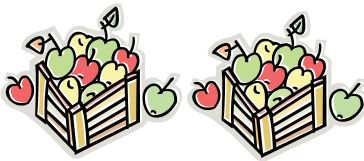
Foster taught guitar and piano at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) from 1976 to 1980 and general music and chorus at Greenbelt Middle School from 1980 to 85. She is an accomplished performer on piano as

well as flute. Over the years she has inspired many students with her enthusiasm for music and has formed musical friendships throughout her career.

Dr. Barbara Baker, former choral director at ERHS, is one of those friends. Foster accompanied her choirs for many years including performances at the Kennedy Center.

Dr. Baker will perform at the Friends Recital as well as Greenbelt resident Jeri Holloway, Paint Branch UU Church Music Director David Chapman, Richard Berg, Donna Simonton, Moya Atkinson, Heather Brown, J’aime Ryskind and Dana King. All performers have longstanding connections to Foster.

There is no fee. Plan to attend and celebrate with others this life event of music making with Foster and friends.



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and the city manager have done a good job and have the city in a good position. Greenbelt needs to expand its tax base rather than focus on cuts, he said. He sees city tax revenues on an upswing and said we should structure city programs to be more effective. Finally he noted that several senior employees are near retirement and that the city would be able to replace those positions at a lower overall cost.

Davis agreed that the city budget has been tough for the past several years. The city has a superb city manager and staff, she said, and city employees have taken decreases in both benefits and salaries. The current budget provides for a comprehensive organizational study possibly leading to efficiencies and a reduction in redundancies. She believes it would be wrong to start with cuts. The city should take a good look at its operations and get smarter and more effective.

Putens started by saying that Jordan and Davis have already said what he believes. He would not support any cuts either for Public Safety or Public Works. He said Greenbelt citizens rely on these two departments and that our employees are worth more than they are paid. Putens also noted that during the economic downturn the state has substantially cut the shared revenue due to municipal governments, using it to balance their own budget.

Roberts also said he would not be interested in budget cutting but in spending more wisely. He noted that council has taken on more debt in the current budget and will be overspending, not spending wisely.

Pope said council has already tightened the belt but we continue to face difficult choices. She believes no one wants to cut but we have to make smart decisions for the community.

Orleans would provide the same level of services. But one area to cut, he said, would be to reduce council salaries and travel expenses.

Mach feels that city has managed well in spite of the struggling economy. There have been increases in some revenue sources and expenditures reduced. She suggested more effort to secure grants for city programs. Her bottom line is that there should be no layoffs of city employees.

Herling noted the observance next year of Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary. The city has generally kept true to its promise, he said. He believes the city needs to broaden its tax base. And to counter the increasing loss of businesses and store fronts, he has been urging his colleagues to seek a better strategy for economic development and to develop alternative sources of revenue to fund city programs.

Future Vision

What is your vision for Greenbelt’s future in light of the planning underway with the Greenbelt Sectional Map Amendment and Sector Plan?

Pope said she was looking to the process to help reach common goals for future development of the Greenbelt Metro area. She believes that mixed-use and transit-oriented development is needed and that there should be better connectivity between the Greenbelt sectors.

Putens noted that the Sector Plan process underway is not a

city-sponsored activity. He feels that an update of the 2001 Sector plan is needed. He made specific note of wanting the scrap yard site on Branchville Road converted to open space, possibly in partnership with the adjacent cities of Berwyn Heights and College Park.

Herling sees the ongoing Sector Plan process as bolstering his support in achieving better connectivity (transit and pedestrian access) between Greenbelt neighborhoods and in addressing longstanding issues with the “unfriendliness” of the Greenbelt Road corridor for bicycles and pedestrians.

Davis said she has attended nearly all public workshops on the Sector Plan. She hopes the new plan addresses the issues of transit orientation, mixed-use development and mixed-income housing opportunities, more open space and public gathering places. She also hopes there would be new public facilities such as a police station, neighborhood recreation areas, a comprehensive plan for Beltway Plaza Mall and potential uses for the historic Greenbelt Middle School.

Jordan reiterated that the planning effort is managed by the county. He would like to see more attention to the city’s own “visioning process” which needs more follow-through on its objectives. He would also strongly advocate for more original Greenbelt features being extended to the other sectors of the city.

Mach said she strongly believes in the mixed-use/transit-oriented development for the metro areas, better connection between the three sectors and the provision of traditional Greenbelt features in the Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West sectors. She hopes there is an opportunity to revitalize Beltway Plaza and other commercial areas.

Orleans noted the long delay in Greenbelt West development that is slated for the Metro Station area, citing the so-called “Boulevard to Nowhere” unfinished construction off Greenbelt Road. In regard to the desire for more open space, he would urge use of the city’s powers of eminent domain to acquire land in the Greenbelt East and West areas.

Robert’s vision for Greenbelt’s future was “A good place for people to live and a place with good things for kids to do,” he said. With a view to bolstering the tax base, he suggests rethinking the Metro Station development for more commercial development and/or manufacturing uses to create jobs.

Crime

What are your thoughts on gang activity increasing in Greenbelt East and crime throughout the city?

Orleans, first to respond, said he characterized the issue as a “cultural” problem and that we (citizens) should be happy to engage everyone. As a society we have to be prepared to do something as individuals.

Davis noted that crime seems to have decreased overall. In Greenbelt West it is improving. In Greenbelt East crime is down 41 percent. And in Greenbelt Center the level is about the same. She notes that robberies and stolen cars remain a problem in some areas and is being addressed by the Police Department’s “Hot Spot” programs.

She also noted some gang activity near Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She urged citizens to continue neighborhood watch programs.

Herling concurred with the previous responses, agreeing that how we behave on a day-to-day basis is important. We need to maintain and step up neighborhood watches. He also suggested more outreach within the communities, informing new citizens about what Greenbelt has to offer.

Jordan spoke in favor of sustaining an equal distribution of public safety resources for the entire city. He said citizens need to be alert for activities in their neighborhood and to call in when necessary. He also supported more after-school programs for youths.

Mach noted that crime was down about seven percent, burglaries may be increasing because of the economy. She agreed on the need to work together and to be aware of neighborhood activities. She also noted that improvements taking place in the Greenbelt West neighborhood of Franklin Park has helped to reduce crime.

Pope echoed Mach and others on the need to work together and do our part. She urged that we not see all our youngsters as gangsters.

Putens cited year-to-year statistics generally showing improvements in all three Greenbelt sectors, with Greenbelt West showing the greatest reduction. Although the improvements shown in the Franklin Park neighborhood are promising, he said he was not ready to “toot” their horn. It is going well, he said, but more time is needed for an assessment.

Roberts called for more programs for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, lamenting the fact that funds set aside for improvements to that center were transferred to other parts of the budget. He also noted that the police force has increased from 40 to 54 sworn officers over the past 20 years but the level of resources for the patrol divisions is still about the same. He feels the Police Department has too many “specialists” and not enough officers on the street.

GMS Executive Session

At the end of the question rounds for the GEAC questions, the moderator advised that about 15 questions had been offered by members of the audience and suggested closing with one such question: Why was it necessary for council to close one of its meetings to discuss possible acquisition of the Greenbelt Middle School?

The first respondent was Roberts who had opposed closing of the meeting. He wasted no time in declaring he saw no reason to close the meeting. In retrospect he averred that about 99 percent of discussion at the meeting did not relate to why the meeting was closed. On the question of the city’s ability to acquire portions of the middle school, he said the city does not have the money and that council should have gone to the citizens first.

Putens said he had voted to close the meeting in order to discuss the (acquisition) process.

Pope also said she voted to close the meeting to discuss possible acquisition. Due to the



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Over the years, the credit union has been located at various sites in Roosevelt Center.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is held during March. The board of directors comprises seven in-

dividuals who are members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. Cynthia A. Comproni, employed at the credit union since 1981, has been treasurer-general manager since 1985.

Membership

The Credit Union’s field of membership includes persons who live, work, worship or attend school in Greenbelt as well as anyone who is a member of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative or works at Doctor’s Hospital. The credit union has paid dividends since it was organized. It currently maintains an asset size of \$26 million and has 2,947 members. Each account is insured to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration.

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financial difficulty, she said she would not be in favor of acquiring the property.

Orleans noted he is not a member of the current council. However, he added that although council is allowed to close its meetings for particular reasons, council does it too often. He then cited an issue leading up to the 2009 city election where, in his view, council inappropriately made a decision in “Executive Session” to employ outside counsel to advise and represent the city in an election issue.

Mach responded that, based upon legal advice, she considered it proper to have closed the meeting. She noted that all other council discussions on potential acquisition of the middle school had been in open meetings. She also noted that, based upon information that surfaced at a council worksession on October 3, she is disappointed the city may not be able to “own” the building. She continues to support the city’s pursuing use of the vacated school facility for community services.

Jordan said he has not decided on either acquiring or gaining

use of the facility. He felt that his vote to close the meeting had been appropriate.

Herling also said he felt his vote to close the meeting had been appropriate.

Davis replied she had not been present when the meeting was closed but would have voted with the majority for the stated purpose to discuss possible acquisition. She felt council was up-front and their views had been expressed in open sessions. Although it now appears that city acquisition is not in the cards, she expressed the view that the vacated Greenbelt Middle School will end up a treasure for the community just as the Community Center in the previous Center Elementary School building is now.

Following adjournment of the Candidates Forum, candidates had an opportunity to discuss issues with members of the audience and to partake of refreshments provided by the GEAC hosts.

The Forum will be shown on the Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) channels 21 (FIOS) and 71 (Comcast) beginning Saturday, October 22, 2011.





Technicians Chris Sharpe and John Nguyen take a look under the hood of Sue Krofchik’s car at the Greenbelt Clean Car Clinic on October 5.

Univ. of Md. Clean Car Clinic Checks 16 Items

by Sue Krofchik

“Drive Clean. Save Green” was the mantra for the free Clean Car Clinic held October 5 in the parking lot behind city hall. Co-sponsored by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center’s Maryland Transportation Services (MTS) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), this clean car clinic was not about car washes or vacuuming. It offered something better – a check of 16 items that, if working properly, will allow vehicles to run more efficiently to drive cleaner and save money. Two MTS auto technicians, Chris Sharpe and John Nguyen, who maintain the university’s fleet of service vehicles, evaluated pre-registered cars. The evaluation included general items, lights, hoses, belts, lubricants and fluids, tires and batteries. Check-up results were discussed with car owners. Each participant was given a Car Care Guide and tire pressure gauge to check air pressure in tires. According to the guide, proper tire inflation pressure can improve gas mileage by more than three percent when checked on a regular basis, preferably monthly. “Every little thing that does not allow a car to run efficiently affects vehicle emissions,” said

Karl Munder, natural resources planner from MDE. Also representing MDE was natural resource planner Marjorie Wise. Program Manager Lisbeth Fried represented the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center. Clean car clinics are held around the state in the spring and fall.

Greenbelt Updates Status Of City Capital Projects

In a September 15 monthly report, city staff provided the Greenbelt City Council with an update of the status of various ongoing capital projects. Tennis court lights and resurfacing: work is expected to begin in October and take two to three months. Stream stabilization between Woodland Hills and Lakewood: clearing by contractor is underway and storm drain installation work is imminent. The path at the end of Fayette Place may be closed at times for safety reasons. Springhill Lake Recreation Center renovation: siding work is about 75 percent complete; the project should be completed by November. Greenbelt West call boxes and cameras: the boxes and cameras have been installed and those on Metro Drive and Springhill Drive are working. The one at the Recreation Center has a telephone line problem to be resolved by Verizon. Safe Routes to Schools: Maryland State Highway engineers should complete the design phase shortly. Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant funded LCD lighting: council authorized the project September 12. The city will need to spend grant money by the end of the year. Gateway entrance signage: staff is discussing. Playground improvements: the playground at Crescent and Ridge roads (A block) is expected to be done this fall. Metro Access Drive roundabout: design work has been completed and the city is awaiting release of funds by the banks.



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- Hold city referendum on use of old Greenbelt Middle School
- Increase size of police patrol unit
- Obtain full planning and zoning authority for Greenbelt
- Implement plans for expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- Improved public transportation, including Sunday bus service
- Neighborhood police officers dedicated to each community
- Fund McDonald Field improvements
- Re-establish after-hours access to Research Road gate for pedestrians and bikers.

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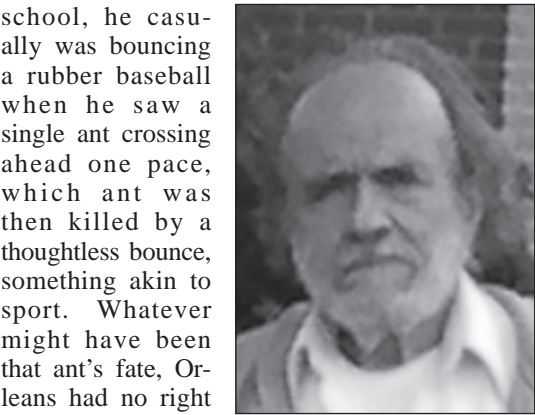
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Bill Orleans

school, he casually was bouncing a rubber baseball when he saw a single ant crossing ahead one pace, which ant was then killed by a thoughtless bounce, something akin to sport. Whatever might have been that ant's fate, Orleans had no right to end its life for sport. "All God's" creatures "got" value and no life should be taken so casually.

At about the same age, he was sent from his Westway home by his mother with a couple of dollars to get milk or something from the Co-op. He went to the candy store instead. Returning home without whatever it was, he was questioned by his mother. He lied and said some bigger, older kid had taken it from him, whereupon he was driven about town by his mother to find that kid. Orleans saw a kid older and bigger that had indeed been mean to him in the past and told his mother that that was the kid. (Of course he was not, it was a lie, but he justified to himself that it was OK because the kid had been mean to him in the past.) His mother, it turned out, knew that kid's mother and that kid got a licking for something he had not done. Not bearing false witness is a good rule for a good reason. One can never reconcile oneself to the lie, as indeed Orleans could never reconcile with that kid, who avoided Orleans ever thereafter and long after his licking Orleans was the one to feel the pain of it.

Again, at about the same age, he stole from Ben Franklin's a plastic crucifix, manufactured for what was probably the cost of a penny or two, and priced at a dollar. His guilt endures and is likely not absolvable.

A few years later he saw a girl he knew walking alone near the Centerway underpass. She had long been the subject of mean teasing from other kids, including himself. She was haughty, a tattletale, a teacher's pet. For whatever reason and by whatever the method an 11- or 12-year-old could employ, he sought to suggest she be nicer to other kids (to loosen up a bit) and that they (we) would probably be nicer to her in turn. This many years later he cannot recall whether from this small interaction she changed or others changed in their response to her but he does recall that at that time he was thanked for being nice to her and that thereafter he changed. At any age it always is better than not to talk out conflicts, personal, and maybe also political.

At the age of 15, after one year at High Point, Orleans moved to Albany to live with his father and his Aunt Jewel; his

life lessons continued. Early on, enrolled in Albany High and still a new kid in town, he had occasion to defend a kid physically and developmentally disabled, harassed in a classroom, class in progress. This resulted in a challenge to meet in a park after school: A few punches and a lot of wrestling in the grass established by kids' logic that I was okay. More importantly, the other kid was no longer harassed (at least as much as he had been, apparently for years, and at least not in my presence). One need not be strong enough to beat mean spiritedness, just strong enough to say "Stop."

At 17 Orleans forced the issue with his family and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Nothing of particular significance occurred in his four years but he distinguished himself by continuing to confront meanness, observed too often among the enlisted and commissioned, even within the constraints necessary in military discipline. Sometimes his confrontation was subtle.

In the summer of 1968, having returned from overseas with 6 to 9 months to go, he applied to PGCC for an early out, and was discharged in January 1969, three months early; he had lived and got out with an Honorable. During the last six months he was stationed in Camp Lejeune. Two weekends of the month were his. One weekend he would drive back to Greenbelt to visit family and just goof. Most of these trips he would take guys going to either Washington or Baltimore; driving up, we never stopped. But as he learned, after his initial 30 day leave after returning stateside, driving South in the last summer of '68 was problematic.

1968 was to be his first time voting. He had listened on Armed Forces Radio the news of earlier that year and had long previously decided we were wrong to be engaged as we were in Southeast Asia and had decided that he would not be voting for Hubert Humphrey (out of spite! He had sent \$20 to Eugene McCarthy from Vietnam). From his perspective, Nixon was out of the question. He flirted with the intention in his first vote of voting for Dick Gregory or Pogo. On his first drive South from Greenbelt, after leaving I 95 at the Virginia-North Carolina line, he found himself on old country roads. The first time he stopped, he was confronted by "colored" and "white only" signs and Wallace (and Nixon) for President signs, and KKK imagery alongside the roads. The last weekend before the election he spent in Raleigh and seeing a Humphrey-Muskie

sign above a Democratic Party office, on impulse he crossed against traffic into its parking lot, and put a Humphrey-Muskie bumper sticker on his car. Sometimes incremental change only one step forward is better than two or more steps backward.

Discontented and failing at PGCC, he left Greenbelt again in the spring of '69 for New York, where he worked a variety of jobs until getting his license to drive a taxi, work which he engaged in on and off for 30 years. He would still identify as a New York City cab driver.

He enrolled also in the New York School of Hard Questions, with a major/minor in no pretense and no bullshit; and later in labor college.

Later he was received into a second faith, the one true secular faith, democracy.

Most important to his fully understanding life lessons was his mentoring from an old taxi driver. A member of the Communist Party USA who had fought in Spain and returned troubled, who left the party with the Stalin-Hitler pact, warring not always metaphorically with former comrades, who engaged in the continuous struggle over 40 years to win a cabdriver's union; who had known and suffered under the "leadership" of 20th century Labor significant: Mike Quill, John L. Lewis, Jimmy Hoffa, and finally Harry Van Arsdale, to see taxi workers betrayed by their "leadership," themselves.

Over a strike barrel one cold, snowy winter night in '71 (I had stayed late, he had come early), just he and I, in a sense I graduated, with his instruction, "Orleans," he said, "Bill, I have just one thing to say to you: Never pat yourself on the back, ever ask of yourself more and harder questions, and, Orleans, Bill, never give in to the bastards".

This is Orleans. And this: several times a convicted misdeed, he was never convicted of a felony (nor should have he been); and this: he is an admitted paronomasiast; and this, twice diagnosed with mental illness, in the New York V.A. with Dystemia (Dis-stem-i-a) said to be a mild form of depression and in the Washington V.A. with Dystemia (Dys-stym-e-a) said to be a chronic form of depression. Who isn't a little sad, and maybe every day? Nothing was prescribed with either diagnosis and he is uncertain if ever he would have taken it if it had been. The Feds couldn't get their pronunciation straight. Instead, he followed what would have been his mentor's advice: "spit in the eye of the bastard, laugh at your depression."

Roberts

Rodney Roberts, 53, is a life-long Greenbelt resident who lives with his wife Tara. He attended Prince George's County schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys

and Girls Club. A 1975 graduate of the National Technical Institute, College Park, Roberts is the sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles (celebrating 13 years in business).

Roberts is serving his 10th term on council. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to his being elected to the city council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken community activist. During his 20 years on council, Roberts has never missed a regular council meeting.

Roberts enjoys volunteering his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Service (GIVES). When the New Deal Café was in danger of closing, Roberts donated over 100 hours of his time working with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen. The Café was able to install a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen for less than \$30,000, a savings of more than \$70,000, giving the Café a new lease on life.

In 1991 Roberts proposed and worked through to implement a community policing program that included the city's first police bicycle patrols. Since then he has worked to increase bike patrols throughout the city and to establish police substations in Greenbelt East and



Rodney Roberts

Beltway Plaza.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original "Green Belt." Roberts' continued advocacy resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt forest preserve consisting initially of 225 acres.

Roberts testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreation, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004 he testified before the State Board of Public Works (consisting of the Comptroller, Governor and Treasurer). Overcoming initial opposition, he secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the "Sunrise Property" in Greenbelt East, one of Greenbelt's newest forest preserves. Roberts has consistently opposed yearly city tax increases for non-essential hiring and other items.

Roberts served as a member of the Metro Area Sector Planning Group. He is a member of the Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board, City Council Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Arts Activity Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.

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